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Campus Ministry offers new programs for students

by Krisie Kimerer

Campus Ministry is entering its first complete year with Sister Linda Kors, C.S.C. as its director. Last year was a transition period for Campus Ministry as Sister Linda took over the position that had previously been filled by Father Stang. Joan Kramer is also new to Campus Ministry, and she will be an assistant to Sister Linda.

On the first weekend back from summer break, the students directly involved with Campus Ministry operations went on a retreat. Their purpose was to define who they were, and what they expected out of the group. Two main conclusions developed during the retreat: to be Christian and to become more noticeable on campus. Public relations efforts include flyers distributed around campus, displays and

a bulletin board located outside of the Campus Ministry office which contains information about upcoming events. Sister Linda describes their goal as, "We want to have greater involvement and visibility on Saint Joseph's campus. We believe everyone is a part of Campus Ministry, so the door is always open."

Campus Ministry actively involves itself within the community. A clown ministry called "Puma Humor" provides games and entertainment to the people they visit. Last year, Puma Humor travelled to the Kankakee Valley School's challenged class as well as the Care Center for the elderly in Rensselaer. In addition to funds from the College, a large portion of the money necessary for the charitable projects of Campus Ministry are donated

during collection on Sunday. Although, it does cost to go on trips and the Kairos retreat.

Upcoming events for Campus Ministry are posted on the bulletin board outside of Halleck 101. During November, the Kairos retreat, a visit to a homeless shelter, Sarah's Circle and a trip to Appalachia over the Thanksgiving break are planned. A group within Campus Ministry called Christian Life meets to watch movies and discuss the meanings. A prayer group meets on every Tuesday evening at 9 p.m. in the Chapel.

A national meeting of the Catholic Campus Ministry organizations will be held on Jan. 4 through 8. Sister Linda will be a speaker at the conference. Her topic will center on students administering to other students.

Columbian Players to act comedy

by Ellen Herendeen

"For the next two weeks, I am in charge of this embassy." This declaration by Axle Magee sets up the situation in Woody Allen's farce comedy, DON'T DRINK THE WATER. The Columbia Players will be performing this play Thursday, Oct. 27 through Saturday, Oct. 29. The performances start at 8:00 p.m. in the Auditorium.

"I wanted a farce comedy for Parent's Weekend," remarked John Rahe. Rahe is the director and has been with Saint Joe's for nine years. "I also wanted to get a play by an author that people might know, so we

can attract an audience."

When Ambassador James Magee, played by Senior Pat Diller, is called back to the United States to run for governor, he leaves his son Axel, played by Sophomore Mark Sansone, in charge.

The production is coming along rather well, according to Rahe, "We're right about where we should be, maybe even a little ahead. We still have two weeks to polish and perfect."

Diller has had ten years of theater experience. He describes his character as a "regular cigar smoking, slightly overweight politician. He's very

opinionated about many things." Diller's favorite part about playing Ambassador Magee is "he goes along with what I want to do with my life. I am very into politics and can see where he is in the future. I also get to do some physical comedy that I don't usually get to do."

Other students in the performance include: Seniors Brian Guerre, Jamie Martens and Candace McGroarty; Sophomores Charlie Barrett, Jason Grzegorek, Mike Tackett and Gul Tercan; and Freshmen Cristal Baron, Ellen Herendeen, Andy Hick, Pat Lennon and Matt Owen.



Freshman Cristal Baron and Sophomore Mike Tackett practice some lines for the upcoming production of Woody Allen's "Don't Drink the Water."

Annual Little Sibs Weekend to take place

by DeAnn Hazzard

Registration on Friday will begin the festivities of Little Sibs Weekend which is sponsored by the Student Union Board. At this time, the little sibs will be able to register with the RAs and receive their T-shirts and their grab bag. The registration fees are \$5.00 for ages 12 and under and \$7.00 for 13 and over.

"Basically we started this weekend so the little sibs could come down and get a taste of college life. It is a chance for them to see what their big brothers and sisters do away from home," said SUB president Gwen Johnson.

On Saturday from 12-

6 p.m., Star Struck Videos will be presented in Halleck Ballroom which will offer the kids a chance to create their own videos with lip sync, dancing and costumes.

Also on Saturday from 1-4 p.m., the Education Club will sponsor the Colombia Park Petting Zoo located in front of Halleck Center, weather pending. Rainsite will be inside Halleck.

Another scheduled event is a pizza party including a raffle sponsored by SUB which will begin at 6 p.m. Saturday evening.

Games of volleyball, basketball, Euchre, music, refreshments and other games will be the activities offered to the little sibs.

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"Screamers" will not silence student plea for security

WARNING: THIS DORM PROTECTED BY USE OF PERSONAL ALARMS. ENTER AT YOUR OWN RISK... RESIDENTS ARE ARMED.

--A possibility for a bronze plaque to be attached to the outside of the women's dorms to alert visitors of the security system in place inside.

Saint Joseph's College administrators and faculty have been scrambling to solve the security crisis in the women's dormitories. While solutions range from the ridiculous (no visitation rights to members of the opposite sex) to the reasonable (a key system or swipe card

system), a "possible solution" was implemented beginning last week.

One dozen women received personal, three-inch sound alarms and more of these alarms will be available to the student body soon. Resembling a standard mace container, these "screamers" release a piercing sound when a yellow button is pushed. According to the package, the alarm is good for between 30 and 40 sound emissions.

In a recent campus test, however, the pressurized gas, which is responsible for the sound, leaked out after only one alarm was sounded. The alarm may have been piercing but after

the one "scream," it was dead.

Carrying the "screamer" may be a good idea for a safe walk across campus, however, the distribution of personal alarms does not SOLVE the problem in the residence halls. "Screamers" will have to be replaced after the initial "scream" has been released. "Screamers" will not prevent violations. "Screamers" will not stop the violations from occurring in the dorms.

As it stands now with the two violations reported and on file, the College is liable in case of any future attacks.

Saint Joseph's College administration acknowledges this liability and is currently

searching for a solution and a new system.

SJC needs a system that will PREVENT attacks and occurrences from happening. The "screamer" is not a preventative security system. The alarms are simply a waste of valuable money that could be used to fund a real system.

We need a security system that will look out for the student interest, not a security system that makes the administration feel as if it has fulfilled its duty to ensure the students a safe home.

We are still not safe—with or without "screamers."

—jml

Dial 0 for assistance: Calling the operator may be lengthy process

Let me set the scenario for you. It is Thursday night and you are wanting to get a hold of your friend Maude to see if she is going down to Core XI for the Senior Party. But, unfortunately, you have lost your little, yellow student directory. So, in an attempt at communication, you call 866-6000 (the switchboard). Though instead of hearing the cheerful operator on the other end, you only hear the phone ring and ring and ring some more. Now what?

It may appear, at the moment, that this is detrimental to starting the weekend off right. But think about if it was truly a life or death situation in which that phone call could save a life!?!

How many times has this happened to you? It has happened to me more than once, which is all it would take if I were faced with a real-life tragedy.

I have called the switchboard for assistance of some kind only to find that NOBODY appears to be there to help me! Sure, the phone number of a friend may not be of the utmost importance; however, an emergency concerning the health and safety of the student population is crucial. The switchboard, for most of the day and night, remains the contact between the student and the office of safety and security. The problem of a ringing switchboard is both frustrating and dangerous. What should we do when we call the switchboard and NOBODY answers?

I realize those individuals who work at the switchboard are human. It is okay and even understandable that they take short

breaks, grab a snack or use the restrooms. Perhaps they, too, have an emergency that would call them away from their station. And that is all OKAY.

However, I should make reference to those occasions, if in existence, that are not okay: visiting with friends at the switchboard or on the other end of the line, getting into an intense television show or homework, or intending a quick bathroom/snack break and getting lost. These are all NOT OKAY.

So, we are still left with the question, "Now what?" I mean, SOMEBODY still should be at the switchboard for the assistance of students at ALL times!

May I suggest that we have people to relieve those that have OKAY reasons to leave during scheduled breaks? Or, what if we had two people working the switchboard so they could back each other up in cases that would take one from the switchboard? How about having calls transferred, to say Security, if the caller is involved in an emergency?

Though I did not bring this to your attention because I have the answers (because I do not), I do feel that something needs to be done soon before it is too late.

While it could mean Maude's room extension and the start of a hellacious weekend, it could also mean Maude's life or death. So, now what?

--Audra Bailey

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Addresses for the sick of the SJC Community

Please continue to keep the sick of the SJC community in your prayers, especially, Ralph Cappuccilli, Professor Emeritus of Speech, Sophomore Leonard Lofton, and Senior Heather Rhodes. You can write to them at the following addresses:

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National Alcohol Awareness Week continues

Alcohol Awareness Weeks continues today through Saturday when the events will include: On Thursday, an open AA Meeting in which members will tell what it's like to suffer from alcoholism and to recover with a positive attitude on life. On Saturday, Little Sibs Bouncefest will be held in the Rec Center. All games played there will focus on the theme for this year's Alcohol Awareness Week, which is B.O.U.N.C.E. (Broaden Our Undergraduate Nonalcoholic Choices and Experiences).

SJC's Alcohol Awareness Team consists of six Resident Assistants: Candace McGroarty, Anwar Muhammad, Jenny Seberger, Lisa Perez, Pat Diller, and Brian Kufner.

Student Association Treasurer resigns

On Oct. 12, an emergency Student Senate meeting was called to discuss the resignation of Student Association (SA) Treasurer Erin Holly.

Holly resigned for "personal reasons" according to SA President Brett Byers.

Since only weeks remain in the current SA term, the Senate voted to suspend the constitution and nominate and vote for Holly's replacement in the Oct. 17 meeting.

Senior Rosanne Zurad was elected by the Senate to replace Holly. Her term is effective immediately.

Sibs continued

Mass at 11 a.m. in the chapel followed by brunch in the cafeteria will begin the activities on Sunday. A shuttle bus at Halleck will be available to take the registered little sibs swimming at the Rensselaer High School from 1-3.

Student Activities Director Jen Haberkorn said, "Last year Little Sibs weekend was more successful than we thought it would be. It

was very organized and structured including printed tickets and schedules and because of that the weekend seemed to flow well. We will be following the same format."

"We started planning this weekend last year and hopefully with our tremendous effort, it will be as successful as last year. We anticipate that it will be a lot of fun," said Johnson.



Writing Clinic aid Monica Serrani goes over a paper with Joel Chippetta. The Writing Clinic is located on the Second floor of Halleck Center in Professor Groppe's office.

SJC prepares for Parent's Weekend

by Julia Garcia

"One thing that I have always wanted to do but never had the chance was to prove to my parents that I could make it on my own," stated freshman Jennifer Kenyeri. "On Parent's Weekend, I'll be able to prove to them that so far I have succeeded in surviving on my own at SJC," added Kenyeri.

Most students at SJC share the same enthusiasm as Kenyeri, however, there are a few that are dreading the arrival of their parents on Oct. 28. Yes, it's time to clean up the room, do the laundry, and get in those missing assignments. But rest assured that the Department of Alumni Affairs and Parent Relations has planned a weekend that promises to be exciting for both parents and students.

Parents are encouraged to attend classes with their son or daughter from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Oct. 28. Pre-registration is required for this event. At 4 p.m. in the downward Lounge of the Chapel Basement, there will be a business meeting of the Executive Committee of the

Parent's Council that is open to all parents. From 6 until 7 p.m., parents can meet Skip and MJ Shannon at the President's Reception in the library. Wine/punch and cheese will be served at this casual dress gathering. The play "Don't Drink the Water" by Woody Allen will be performed in the Auditorium at 8 p.m. for students and parents.

On Oct. 29, family photographs will be taken in the Halleck Center Lobby until noon. Parents can visit the College Bookstore from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. At 10 a.m., the Alpha Lambda Delta Induction will take place. Also at 10 a.m., parents can participate in a forty-five minute historical campus tour which begins at the Grotto.

From 11 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. in the north lounge of Halleck Center, there will be a presentation celebrating the 25-year Anniversary of Core given by Professor John B. Egan and President Shannon. At 12:30 p.m., Christine Beschnett Keith, director of Career Planning and Placement, will give a presentation on career planning and place-

ment. The Beer and Brat Tent will be open from 11:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. north of the Hanson Recreational Center. Mass will be held at the Chapel at 5 p.m., and the chorus will perform a concert there. Dinner by reservation only will be held at the Halleck Center at 6 p.m. "Don't Drink the Water" will be performed again at 8 p.m. in the auditorium.

Sunday's activities begin at 11 a.m. with Mass in the Chapel. The Bookstore will be open from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Brunch will be available from 11:15 a.m. until 12:45 p.m.

Parents can also attend several sporting events that will surely get them cheering for the Pumas! The volleyball team will play against the University of Indianapolis at noon on Saturday. Also on Saturday, the women's soccer team will confront Valparaiso at 1 p.m. and the football team will play against Ashland. On Sunday, the men's soccer team will host Wisconsin Parkside at 1 p.m. while the women play against Quincy at 3 p.m.

MSU welcomes all students

by Rachel Barlage

"Do you have to be a minority to join Minority Student Union?" This is a question that Krystle Robinson, the President of MSU, has been asked many times. According to Robinson, the name Minority Student Union suggests to some students a restrictive organization that welcomes only students who are minorities, while in actuality, students of all races are encouraged to join.

In order to motivate more students to join MSU and to make it seem more inclusive, the members are considering changing the name of their organization. Robinson said that the name change was being discussed to let white students know that they are welcome to join.

Robinson also said that the members of MSU wanted to make it clear that they were not trying to segregate themselves from the Saint Joseph's community as a whole, but rather to bring the different groups on campus together. She stated that, "We want everyone to learn more about each other. We want the white kids to know that we're not that much different than them."

The new names that are being considered are: Cultural Awareness Society, Cross Cultural Union, United Cultural Society and Ethnic Awareness Unit. Members of MSU will vote on these names and also have the option of voting for no name change.

The students' decision about whether the name will be changed and what the new name will be is to be announced at the next MSU meeting, which will be held some time in November.

Robinson said that if the students choose to change the name, MSU will not change as an organization.

Their mission will remain the same, but hopefully they will gain "new members with new ideas and different things to do."

The mission of MSU is: "To create a sense of unity among the underrepresented students on campus, while, at the same time, expressing cultural values and sensitivities through education and celebration."

MSU strives to bring all students together through events that allow students to explore and celebrate diversity on campus. Events planned for the 1994-95 school year include: the showing of the movie Romero to celebrate Hispanic Awareness Month, a Martin Luther King Celebration, a trip to see the play Seven Guitars and a celebration of Women's History Month.

MSU currently has thirty-five members, but they are looking for more. "It doesn't matter who you are," Robinson insisted. "We want everyone involved." If you are interested in joining MSU, contact Krystle Robinson at extension 8359.



Pictured from left to right: Secretary-Virginia Evans, Social Chair-Douglas Thames, President-Krystle Robinson, Committee Board member-Amy Penrod. Not Pictured: V.P.-Ana Jimenez & Treas. Vallencia McLaurin.

Gul Tercan enjoys friendly atmosphere at SJC

by Jenny Palecek

Imagine yourself in a foreign country, about to begin college at a new school. How do you think you would feel? Scared? Well not Gul Tercan—she has taken it all in stride. She is one of the few international students attending Saint Joseph's College.

Originally from Turkey, Gul came to the United States about five years ago to attend college. She started out at The University of New Orleans, and then she transferred to Harold Washington College and has now entered her sophomore year here at Saint Joseph's.

The only difference between those schools and Saint Joseph's Gul says, is that this one is a lot smaller. She decided on Saint Joseph's because she was already familiar with one

of the professors here.

Majoring in International Business and Global Studies, Gul plans on returning to her homeland when she graduates.

When asked why she decided to study abroad she said, "By studying in the U.S.

I will have more job opportunities in Turkey."

Classes aren't the only thing Gul has on her mind. She keeps herself very busy with extracurricular activities.

She has joined the

Environmental Club, the Business Club, and the Multicultural Club. She also has a part in this years fall play "Don't Drink the Water".

Gul hasn't had any problems fitting in here, and she thinks that everyone is nice and that they were very welcoming to her.

She doesn't understand why everyone thinks she's so interesting. "I'm just a regular student, like anyone else here!" remarked Gul.



Gul enjoying herself at SJC

Who's responsible for dorm damages?

by Cristal Baron

Have you noticed those little white work order sheets in your hallway lately? Those are there to tell you something has been damaged in your dorm and you're going to have to pay for it! Who decides what the fines are or who is going to be charged for the damage?

Well, it's all up to the shop that repairs the item, plus the labor charges are also included in the billing.

The Janitorial staff

writes down the damages while cleaning and that then goes to Inga Luecke. Inga looks at how much time and effort was put into cleaning or replacing the particular piece of property and then notes it. The Physical Plant reports how much it cost to repair each item.

Ron Geleott, assistant vice-president of the Physical Plant, then decides how much the billing is depending on time, effort and the fee to fix it. Finally, after the Janitorial staff, Luecke and the shop each

fill out a work order, the complaint goes to Chris Zanowski, Co-Director of Campus Life.

Zanowski posts the fees and gives the students one week to respond to the charge. This week lets students report the person who caused the damage. If no one is reported then the whole dorm is fined. After the floor responds, or doesn't respond, the set price is put on their account and students or their parents end up paying for the damage.

Students view SA with apathy

By Kristi Messmaker

Janet Jackson begins one of her famous songs with a monologue: "I know he USED to do nice things for you - but what has he done for you lately?" Likewise, some of the students of Saint Joseph's have been singing to quite a similar tune:

"Student Association (SA), you promised us a lot of spectacular things during last year's campaign, but what have you done for us THIS year?"

Actually, there is also a lot of apathy on the Saint Joseph's campus in regards to SA. Two resident juniors, who wish to remain nameless, replied: "What's their job anyway? I don't know what they do."

One can also hear the reverberating reply: "SA—who cares?"

Well...you should.

According to the SJC Activities Directory, the Student Association is defined in this manner:

To efficiently serve the students, the Student Association is divided into three branches - Student Association Officers, Student Senate and the Student Union Board. The Student Association Officers and the Student Senate are responsible for representing the views of the student body when working with the college administration, and to aid in the establishment of policies directly affecting student life. The Student Union Board assists the college administration in coordinating student social and cultural activities.

Basically, what we've got here is a hierarchy. You complain, the senate discusses it, and SA helps to get your problem solved or resolved "Everyone is welcome to address Senate at the meetings, or talk to your Senator,"

replied Kurt Krouse, SA Vice President.

But do you think SA is doing their job?

"They're basically just puppeteers of the school. They do what administration tells them to do," was the response from Senior Molly Boyle.

Yet Senior Jacquelyn Leonard feels differently: "SA doesn't have the power to DO anything. They must bring issues to the higher-ups. The reason I ran for a senatorial position is because, in the past, I always regarded SA and the Student Senate as puppets of the administration." Currently, serving as a senator for Justin Hall, Leonard replies, "So far I've been impressed with the amount of power that the students (in SA and Senate) have...Students should know who their representatives are since they did elect the senators and governors. (They) have the power to get students' problems addressed to administration."

In a press release issued by SA president, Brett Byers, said SA was given a \$97,000 budget to work with. Obviously, quite a bit of the students' tuition money is being placed in the hands of our representatives. Therefore, isn't it about time to care where our money is going and what SA is doing for us?

Some of the issues that SA and the Senate are currently dealing with are the Security problem in Justin and Halas, the new grading scale and the parking shortage. SA is also trying to accommodate more to the needs of the day students, giving them a voice too. "There are seven (empty) seats reserved on the Senate for day students," stated Krouse.

Whether or not the Student Association has been

doing anything with our \$97,000 (it deserves repeating), is up to you. Learn who your senators are, voice your opinions at the senate meetings (which are always open to everyone), and stay involved. Your SA Officers are: Brett Byers, Kurt Krouse, Rosanne Zurad and Brian Corrigan.

To rephrase an ever over-quoted presidential line, Krouse responded: "Ask not what your school can do for you, ask what you can do for your school."



Artwork by Jason Deerwester

Saint Joseph's answer to community service

by Pat Lennon

Three years into existence, the Student Volunteer Corps (SVC) has maintained professional attendance to those in need, such as activities at the Care Center, a Big Buddy program (much like Big Brother/Big Sister) and services to local senior citizens.

The SVC student directors for the 1994-95 academic year are Susan Banner and Ryan Koppelman. All SJC students are welcome to get involved with the SVC, and there are activities for everyone. When asked why SVC came into existence, they stated:

"The SVC came into existence because senior citizens in Rensselaer who are living on their own are sometimes unable to complete simple household tasks by themselves. The SVC is here to assist these senior citizens with chores such as raking leaves, shoveling snow, washing and replacing storm windows."

When SVC was introduced,

a grant was offered from the MERTZ foundation to get it started. Since this time, it prospered and is continuing to grow.

Sr. Linda Kors, who is the SVC advisor subscribes insight to the program:

"The Student Volunteer Corps is a great way for students to get experience, especially these fields of interest. And not only would it be a great experience, but also an excellent mark on a resume. Students are encouraged to apply."

Freshmen Rachel Barlage and Jenny Palecek spoke about their experience on the SVC team. Barlage states:

"I decided to join SVC because I love doing community service work and it sounded like it would be a lot of fun. So far this year I have visited a woman's shelter, been involved in the Big Buddies program, worked with Birthright and visited

the Rensselaer Care Center."

Palecek is quick to answer:

"So far I have been kept very busy by the SVC. I help out at the Care Center, and the local nursing home. For the Care Center we took them to the Little Cousin Jasper Fair, and showed them around and watched the parade."

On top of senior citizen care, the SVC is actively involved in other community volunteer organizations such as Birthright, Crisis Center and Habitat for Humanity.

Barlage returns with a guarantee statement:

"I know that I will be an active member of SVC as long as I am a student at Saint Joseph's."

Koppelman and Banner unanimously stated that, "This year we are working to increase the awareness of the SVC both among the College and Rensselaer communities." If you would like to have more information on SVC or are interested in joining call ext. 6235.



by Klaudia Janek

As environmental awareness continues to grow at Saint Joseph's College you may begin to wonder how you could possibly make a difference. There are a lot of small things an individual can without much effort and at the same time make a large difference.

You may not think that plastic six-pack holders can create an environmental hazard, but in reality they do pose quite a problem. During a beach cleanup along 300 miles of Texas shoreline in 1988, 15,600 plastic six-pack rings were found in 3 hours.

When people visit beaches and leave the six-pack rings laying around they usually blow into the water. They also find their way in waterways by illegal dumping, landfill erosion, littering, and wind. Once they are floating in water, they become hazardous to marine life.

Six-pack holders are virtually invisible underwater, so marine animals and birds can't avoid them. Birds sometimes catch one loop around their necks while fishing, then they might snag another loop on a tree and end up strangling themselves. Pelicans fish by plunging into the water, sometimes right into a six-pack ring. If a ring becomes stuck on the bird's bill; unable to open its mouth, it starves to death. Young seals or sea lions often get the rings caught around their necks. As they grow, the rings get tighter and the animals suffocate. (This info is published by Earth Works Group).

Now if you're thinking that you can't do anything about this problem...think again. The solution is in fact quite simple: before you toss six-pack holders into the garbage, snip each ring with scissors and when you're on the beach, pick up any rings you see, snip them and then throw them away. Remember, small actions can in turn have a large impact on the environment!

Keeping Saint Joe's athletes healthy

by Sean Mangan

The fall sport season is the busiest time of the year for the athletic training staff. During the fall season, trainers have to treat athletes from the football, softball, soccer and volleyball teams.

The staff concentrates on injury prevention, recovery, rehabilitation and continuous treatments. With four sports playing in the same season, the training staff works long hours to accommodate the teams' needs.

The training staff is very unique at Saint Joe's. At many universities, students are not allowed hands-on training until their junior year. As freshmen, our trainers are able to receive the on-the-job training which helps them improve their skills.

Shawn Comer, who is the head athletic trainer, came to Saint Joe's two years ago. During the fall season, he usually works an

80 hour week and travels frequently. "During the fall season I am living out of a suitcase most of the time but enjoy traveling to Ohio, Kentucky and, most recently, Texas," said Comer.

Currently, Comer is working on getting athletic training on the curriculum as a minor. He hopes to work with Bill Jennings and the Physical Education Department to give the students even more opportunities to learn about athletic training. "At Saint Joe's, we're making a concentrated effort to improve the program," commented Comer.

The student trainers are very fortunate to be able to get hands-on training, which applies to their career. Mark Slate has been an athletic trainer for two years; his first year he spent with the baseball team, and this year he will spend time with every athletic

team. He appreciates the opportunity he has to gain job experience as well as making many new friends.

Athletic trainers travel for free and also receive a \$1700 service grant. "Athletic training is a good experience because it gives me the opportunity to learn about different injuries in different sports. Overall, being an athletic trainer is a lot of fun. It allows for good benefits as well as great experience," said Slate.

Erica Shannon has been an athletic trainer at Saint Joe's for two years. She was also a trainer for three years before coming to Saint Joe's.

The injuries in high school sports are the same at the collegiate level, but the level of intensity is higher in college. "Our primary purpose is to do whatever we can to get them back on the field," said Shannon.



The Lady Puma golf team has had a successful season. Members include Alys Haller, Jill Peterson, Carmen Skoog, Chasity Miller and Missy Messman.

Fall season ends for women's golf

by Sean Mangan

Once again, the women's golf season has come to a close. The fall season has given the team a chance to gain game experience as well as an opportunity to become familiar with the courses.

The team is looking forward to collectively improving their performance for the spring season.

The final tournament of the season was held at Franklin University and consisted of twelve schools. The girls played well considering the cold and windy weather they had to contend with. Carmen Skoog scored a 96, Missy Messman a 97, Jill Peterson tallied a 100, Chasity Miller a 101 and Alys Haller scored a 105.

Many of the players felt that the weather affected their performances. "The cold, windy weather did have a negative effect on our game," remarked Messman.

This season was filled with impressive individual performances, and the team played well as a whole. "Overall, throughout the season I think we played really well. Ultimately, I think we would do remarkably better

if we could all play well on the same day," commented Messman. She also noted that the team had the potential to perform even better. "We are very talented and capable of playing up to our potential. If we can work on improving our individual games, we will greatly improve our performance as a whole," she explained.

The team now needs to focus on individual improvement for their next season. For the freshmen, they have gained a season of experience and now know what they can expect from the courses. "We will improve in the spring season because the fall season gave us experience. We've seen the courses and in the spring they will be easier to play. The weather did pose a problem, but next season conditions should be better," remarked Peterson.

Along with battling unfriendly conditions, adjustments had to be made when playing on difficult courses. Peterson commented, "When I was playing from mens' tees, sometimes the distance was difficult, but I adjusted. At times I was pleased with my scores in the 80's, but on my bad days I soared into the 90's."

Lady Puma volleyball hopes to improve

by Jill Peterson

With nine matches remaining in their season, the Lady Puma volleyball team hopes that they can improve their 6-14 record.

In her eighth year as head coach, Linda Deno mentioned that the team can still attain a winning season in the conference. She stated, "We still have Kentucky Wesleyan, Northern Kentucky University, University of Indianapolis and University of Southern Indiana to play in the upcoming weeks."

According to Deno, the Lady Pumas can still win a conference title. "The conference tournament is still within reach for us if we beat those teams, which will enable us to finish 5-4. Right now, not one of those teams are a favorite. Therefore, we have a chance to be right in there," Deno said.

Freshman defensive specialist Maria Clark agreed, "Our team can definitely make it to the confer-

ence tourney if we set our minds to it. All we need to do is have some confidence in ourselves." Sophomore Chris Tardy agreed. She added, "We have a lot of talent. Sometimes we don't play aggressive enough. A lot of games could have been won if we would have played consistently. If we play together, we'll start winning more games."

The Pumas have faced Belarmine College, IUPUI, Kentucky State University, Lewis University and Wisconsin Parkside recently. In four of those matches, Saint Joe's was defeated, but a great conference win was displayed over Kentucky State University, 15-8, 15-8, 15-6.

Deno commented that the Puma's defense is a major asset to the program. She said, "Scrappy defense wins games for us. If our girls keep returning the other teams' kills, the opposition gets frustrated. We like to wear them down in that fashion."

Deno cited some outstanding players for the team. "Juniors

Erinn Smith and Tracey Wojciechowski have played very well lately. Game in and game out, they are doing a great job for us," Deno said as she praised a few of her players. Tara Foldenauer, a senior co-captain, was also recognized as being a leader on the floor. "Next year, we are going to miss Tara's leadership," noted Deno.

The complete Puma roster consists of freshmen Maria Clark, Kami Conlon and Angi O'Hara; sophomores Christina McCoy and Chris Tardy; juniors Jody Firth, Jennifer Gretencord, Gayle Hirsch, Carolyn Johnsen, Tanya Popiela, April Slupski, Erinn Smith and Tracey Wojciechowski; and senior Tara Foldenauer.

"We have the potential to be a great team, but it seems as if we never click at the same time. With determination and hard work, I'm sure we'll end the season on a positive note," Foldenauer concluded.

Puma baseball ends fall season, inaugurates new facility

by Emily Karol

The Saint Joseph's College baseball team just finished its 1994 fall season.

This season officially inaugurated the new Reuth/Fitzgibbon Facility, which includes a new locker room with personalized lockers, a computerized sound system, a clubhouse for the players, concession stands and new dugouts.

This fall, the Pumas faced teams from Kankakee Community College, Olivet Nazarene, South Suburban and the University of Illinois at Chicago--which was the annual 18-inning marathon game (with no breaks), played in downtown Chicago.

The Pumas also played a series of games against each other called inter-squad games. The purpose of these match-ups, according to Sophomore Catcher Jeff Norus was "so that the coaches could evaluate incoming players and to give everyone a sufficient number of at-bats."

These games culminated in a "World Series," highlighted by a no-hitter pitched by Junior Mike Olson. This no-hitter won Olson's team a spot in final games of the World Series, yet they were eventually defeated by Team 4, coached by Senior Shortstop Larry Glozier.

The fall season for the baseball team also included the annual "50-inning" game. This is played every year as a fundraiser for the team. It is a way for the players to earn money for various expenses, including travel and new equipment.

Because the fall season is looked upon by both players and coaches as an indicator of how the team will perform in the more important spring season, many of the players have made

predictions about the upcoming season. Norus commented, "Overall, we are going to be a very young team with only four seniors. It will be necessary for some younger players to step up and fill some important roles in order for us to be successful."

Junior Pitcher Bob Bowser believes that in order for the team to have a productive Spring, "(there) has to be a total team effort, with everyone doing their job."

Many players noted that while the team is young, it has many strengths. Olson pinpointed pitching and defense as the strong points of this young team and believes that the Pumas have great potential.

The baseball team had an impressive season last spring, finishing 32-15 after being ranked 17th in the nation for nearly the entire year, and many players feel that they can do just as well or better. However, Sophomore Pitcher Marc Macias recognizes the tough competition in the upcoming season. He stated, "The whole conference is going to be really strong. It was a young conference last year, so a lot of the players are coming back. It should be even stronger this year."

Andrew D'Amore, also a sophomore pitcher, is extremely optimistic about the spring season. He said, "The team appreciates everything that's been done for us (the building of the new facility). Now we feel it's our duty to hold our end of the deal by working hard in the off season and rising to the challenge in the spring."

D'Amore concluded by stating that the Puma baseball team is confident about the spring season. He commented, "We want to bring home a ring!"



During the game against Saginaw Valley, Coach Joe Palka discusses defensive strategies with the team, while Athletic Trainer Amber Dossett distributes water.

Pumas ready for next challenge

by Ashley Pierce

Saint Joseph's football team faced another tense game last Saturday.

The Pumas played an exciting game against Northwood University, and were ahead 14-7 going into the fourth quarter.

However, the team's luck ran out, and Northwood dominated in the end, scoring 13 points in the final quarter. The final score was Northwood 20, Saint Joseph's 14.

Coach Bill Reagan noted, "I felt our performance was good, yet I was disappointed. Everyone thought we were going to win 14-7, but we didn't take care of the football."

Reagan noted that the defense gave a strong performance. "The defense played a good ball game," he stated. Senior Linebacker Mark Ritters agreed. He said, "The defense did a good job. Once again we played good enough to win, and once again we gave the win away."

The Pumas record is currently 2-5, but the team is hopeful about improving. They will face Saint Francis College on Oct. 22, and the Pumas are confident that they will bring home a win.

"It is a big game for us because it gives us an opportunity to win," noted Reagan.

Balas combines man and machine for racing success

by Emily Karol

Ed Balas, a senior Computer Science and Psychology major, has been racing in the Little 500 go kart race since his Freshman year at Saint Joseph's College.

He also gained valuable experience by racing during the summers between school, and this experience has helped Balas perform impressively each year in the Little 500.

In his freshman year race, he finished second, which is outstanding for a rookie, and in his sophomore year, he placed third. Last year Balas was the fastest qualifier and led for a third of the

race, only to drop out of contention after having mechanical difficulties (his gas tank fell off!).

What makes Balas so successful? He seems to think that it is partially because of his year-long preparation and dedication. He also feels that his experience with racing in the Wells Cargo Championship Series, which takes place all over the Midwest in states such as Michigan, Indiana, and Wisconsin, has added to his edge at Saint Joe's.

This past summer, he drove on a two-mile track and placed fifth, which is noteworthy.

Balas stated, "The speeds are faster, there is much more competition, and the drivers are extremely serious."

His racing career has also been helped by alumni, Mike DeYoung, who took Balas under his wing when he entered Saint Joe's in 1991. Balas also credits Bruce Mathew and the Messman brothers with giving him concrete knowledge on the "ins and outs" of racing, since he knew virtually nothing about the subject going into his Senior year of high school in Saint Louis.

Balas' favorite part about racing is, "Combining man and ma-

chine into one seamless unit." He stated, "When you are out there and the kart is going right, you and the kart are one." He enjoys going fast and working on and learning about the kart.

When asked about this year's race, Balas said he is using the same kart but has "a few tricks in mind." A member of "Friendly Ghost racing," which had its beginnings with alumni Jason Ostrowski (who had an obsession with Casper the Friendly Ghost), he guarantees that he will be much faster this year.

Balas' student teammates are Molly Boyle and 1994 Little 500

winner, Matt Davie. Jason Ostrowski and Mike Stader, both representing the Class of 1994, will be racing for "Friendly Ghost" in the Second Annual Little 500 Alumni Race. All have plans to race in the summers to follow.

Balas expressed that racing is the "most fun [he] has ever had." His biggest concern for this year's race is rounding up enough interest in driving and getting good quality competitors.

If anyone is interested in racing in the 1995 Little 500, they can contact Ed Balas or Bruce Mathew.

Politically Correct Food?

Are you really what you eat?

By Potts and McGroarty

Some of you world wise Pumas may have heard that some special interest groups want to change the name of the "chicken breasts" to "frontal pieces."

It seems that the word breast, when referring to poultry, implies a sexual connotation that is offensive.

We, at The Back Page, being advocates for political correctness have searched long and hard to find other foodstuffs that must be changed in order to survive in a politically correct world.

Here are a few suggestions to discuss over coffee after dinner.

10. Why stop with just chicken breasts? What about legs and thighs? Both pieces have that sexual allure about them.

We suggest calling legs and thighs "walking pieces." These two piece can no longer be sold individually but must now come in the form of "walking quarters."

9. Rush Limbaugh was a spokesperson for Florida

Orange Juice. So, we all start our day in an incorrect way.

8. Rump Roast must be renamed for obvious reasons. We suggest "the roast that comes from the part an animal sits on."

7. Eggs are also an unacceptable foodstuff because their name implies connotations to the female reproductive seed. We suggest "undeveloped chicken fetus" or "that yellow blob."

6. Why do we have Italian Sausage and Polish Sausage? If we as Americans are truly a blended culture, shouldn't we make our food part of that "Great American Melting Pot" as well?

Can't we all just co-exist in harmony with one another?

5. We wonder why is Swiss Cheese different from American Cheese? Why does any nation have to have a cheese?

After all is not all cheese a milk bi-product. Let's stop this cheese war now. One nation's cheese is not more fit than another. Please we must

form a global cheese community; or a new cheese order. Let us end the cheese war before it claims another.

4. Pigs In A Blanket. This concoction has offended our law enforcement officers for years.

3. The Chickpea. It is only a pea for chicks? Or it is a pea for all to enjoy? We don't support foods that use poor seventies slang. It is just not groovy.

2. "Kix. Kid tested, mother approved." Are they insinuating that fathers do not purchase cereal? Are advertisers suggesting that fathers would let their children eat toxic waste? We think Mr. Mom would disagree.

1. If we change the term chicken breast, we must change the name of the "Oscar Mayer Wiener." Enough said.

So, discuss. Talk amongst yourselves and let us know if you any additions to the list. Please e-mail us at Stuff_Back@students@SJC with your questions and concerns.

The Quote of the Week

"If Ayn Rand considered religion the opiate of the masses - let's all get high."

-Kevin MacDowell

Some Food For Thought

by Potts and McGroarty

We were sitting up late in the computer lab and we came up with some Puma ponderances that just boggle our minds. Here are a few examples.

Why are there Interstate highways in Hawaii? Is there a bridge to California that we don't know about? They don't even have Inter-Island Highways to get from Maui to Oahu.

Why do we drive on

parkways and park on driveways?

Did' shepherds really eat Shepherd's Pie?

Why did Mike Brady only build one bathroom for six children?

If anyone can tell us what Barney Rubble did for a living, we will be forever in your debt. (Remember, he did not work with Fred.) This would put an end to our sleepless nights.

Faculty Photo

Freshmen Fears Are Long Gone

by Kathleen Brass

Coming to college that first day, Aug. 18, was very intimidating. To me, Saint Joseph's was a big pond, and I was a little fish. In high school, I had a ton of friends and good grades. College was going to be hard.

I remember at my high school graduation, everyone kept talking about how they were looking forward to going away. To them, college meant freedom, beer and more beer. I, on the other hand, was ready to staple-gun myself to my bed so that I wouldn't have to leave.

Now, my opinion has changed. It turns out that by 3 p.m. Aug. 18, I was a happy camper. After two long months of dreading having a stranger as a roommate, it turns out that mine is the best. I thought I wouldn't make new friends, but I did. I also realized that my friends were right about those three aspects of college and more.

Of course, there are a lot of unauthorized alcoholic beverages served on campus, (But we must remember it is a dry campus!) but my curfew isn't until Christmas Break and

my parents are over 100 miles away.

I have learned that there is more to college than freedom and parties. There is a whole new world here.

It is my friends (who are great!), walking through the grotto by myself at night. And where else in the world can you be surrounded by millions of cornstalks while looking for a parking place.

Yet, despite all the things I love here at Saint Joseph's, is there anything that can be done about those darn stinkbugs?

In the space provided above, draw a picture of your favorite faculty member. (Sorry, our budget wouldn't allow us to hand out crayons.) Cut out your picture and hang in our your refrigerator, your dart board or hand it in with your next paper. Remember, you want this to help your grade so be as nice and as fair as you can. Have Fun!